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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were lower than normal. Cool and dry conditions were prevalent in most areas of the State allowing farmers 6.3 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	10	85	4
Last Week	1	5	87	7
Last Year	8	24	62	6

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	1	8	89	2
Last Week	1	6	88	5
Last Year	13	33	51	3

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 69 percent jointed, behind the 5-year average of 77 percent, and was rated in mostly good condition. The crop was 2 percent headed, compared with 13 percent for the average. Spring barley was 91 percent seeded by the end of the week, just ahead of the 5-year average. Sixty-three percent of the crop was emerged and is rated in mostly fair condition. Spring wheat was 78 percent seeded at week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 70 percent with 45 percent of the crop emerged. The crop was rated in mostly fair condition.

Row Crops: Farmers had 60 percent of the corn crop planted by week's end. This is ahead of last year's 41 percent complete and 44 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence was 2 percent complete compared with 8 percent on average. Dry Onions were 86 percent planted at week's end, behind the 5-year average of 96 percent with a condition rating of mostly good. Sorghum planting was 17 percent complete compared with 9 percent for the 5-year average. Growers made excellent progress planting sugarbeets last week with 90 percent in the ground and 19 percent up to stand by the end of the week. Producers began planting sunflowers and ended the week with 3 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending May 9, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	3	15	59	23
Last Year	1	7	20	52	20
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	4	51	40	5
Last Year	0	0	17	54	29
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	6	52	38	4
Last Year	0	0	28	51	21

Summer potatoes are 40 percent planted compared with a 5-year average of 44 percent and 4 percent of the crop is emerged. Half of the fall potato crop was planted by week's end which is well ahead of last year and the 5-year average.

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions improved slightly over the week and were rated in mostly good condition. Last year at this time they were rated mostly fair to good.

Livestock: Ninety-four percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 95 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 9, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	4	22	64	10
Prev. Year - 2009	5	22	48	23	2
5-Year Avg.	8	19	41	28	4

Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	94	93
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	95	95

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 9, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	69	55	76	77
Headed	2	1	9	13
Spring Barley				
Seeded	91	77	81	90
Emerged	63	38	52	54
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	78	61	67	70
Emerged	45	30	34	33
Corn				
Planted	60	27	41	44
Emerged	2	1	8	8
Sorghum				
Planted	17	5	5	9
Sunflowers				
Planted	3	NA	3	2
Dry Onions				
Planted	86	76	95	96
Sugarbeets				
Planted	90	68	75	80
Up to Stand	19	6	17	14
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	40	25	33	44
Emerged	4	1	3	7
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	50	NA	33	27

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	13	78	8
Dry Onions	0	0	17	72	11
Alfalfa	0	1	26	43	30
Sugarbeets	0	2	16	82	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.